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Las Mujeres y los Votantes de Color Hicieron la Diferencia en las Elecciones

Por Peter White, Servicios de Medios Étnicos

A pesar de las nuevas leyes para evitar que se salga a votar y la manipulación de los distritos electorales para quitarles el poder a las comunidades minoritarias, la "ola roja" republicana que los encuestadores predijeron antes de las elecciones intermedias de la semana pasada no sucedió.

Los Servicios de Medios Étnicos interrogaron a seis expertos sobre sus reacciones ante los resultados de las elecciones y lo que se debe hacer para prepararse para las elecciones de 2024.

"Los votantes de color estaban muy preocupados por la situación de sus vidas más allá de la economía", dijo Sergio I. García-Rios, profesor asistente de la Universidad de Texas en Austin y exdirector de Encuestas y Datos de Noticias Univisión. "Una segunda preocupación en todas nuestras encuestas fue la inseguridad que se tiene con las armas, los tiroteos masivos y también la seguridad a lo largo de la frontera".

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Voters of Color and Women Made the Difference in the Elections

Latino voter filling out her ballot card
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By Peter White, Ethnic Media Services

Despite new laws to keep people from voting and gerrymandering election districts to take away the power of minority communities, the Republican "red wave" that pollsters predicted ahead of last week's midterms didn't happen.

Ethnic Media Services debriefed six experts on their reactions to the election results and what should be done to prepare for the 2024 election.

"Voters of color were very concerned about the state of their lives beyond the economy," said Sergio I. García-Rios, assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin and former director of Polling and Data at Univision News. "A second concern in all of our polls was gun safety, and mass shootings and also security along the border."

García-Rios said that President Biden's message about saving democracy resonated with voters of color concerned about rising extremism. But they also sent Democrats a message: "We're disappointed with both parties."

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Celebrating Four Generations of Service

Retail Icon Danto Furniture Moves to New Location in Southwest Detroit

Where were you in 1940? Watching the Detroit Tigers win the American League Pennant? Keeping a close eye on Europe and Japan? Or, perhaps, going to the neighborhood theatre to plunk down $.15 to see Walt Disney's animated masterpiece, "Fantasia"?

However, most likely, if you were young family man Julius Danto, you were at the kitchen table putting together plans to build a business that would – eventually – go far beyond your expectations. The Lithuanian-Jewish immigrant was determined to make it in America and help others along the way while doing so. Julius opened Danto Furniture in 1940 in Southwest Detroit and the Danto family has never looked back – only forward.

Danto Furniture employs a multi-lingual staff who are fluent in English, Arabic and Spanish and has satisfied customers throughout metro Detroit, including Allen Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Redford, River Rouge, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Trenton, Wayne, Wixom, Woodhaven, Wyandotte and Ypsilanti.

Current General Manager and 3rd generation Danto, Irwin Danto, said: "I think one of the most important reasons that Danto Furniture has thrived for more than 80 years is because of our dedication to serving others and doing the right thing. My grandfather Julius understood that he was not the only immigrant who had come to this country; nor he realized, was he the only immigrant who needed a hand-up. In many cases, Danto Furniture has been among the first stops for newly arriving immigrants; and we are proud of that."

The celebration was nothing less a big party. Danto Furniture offered up to 40% discounts on furniture and appliances; children's face painting, balloons, popcorn, piñatas, Delia's Food Truck, cuisine from restaurant El Nacimiento, grocery store E & L Supermercado; and Postres y Delicias by Dianys Salinas.

Ashley Danto, Irwin's daughter, who works in Sales and Marketing, said: "I have been working in the business on and off for the past 8 years and I'm in awe of my grandfather Charles Danto, current owner and family patriarch. His work ethic and energy – even at 92 years old – is amazing. He has been in the store 6 days a week , pretty much every week, since he was 19 years old. He is the best salesperson we have; everyone is always looking to talk to "Charlie" and when he is not in the building you can feel the difference."

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Cutting the ribbon to open the new location for Danto Furniture are (from l to r), Detroit Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison, Ashley Danto, Irwin Danto and Charles Danto
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Danto Furniture

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From left: Ashley and Irwin Danto, Lydia Gutierrez of Hacienda Mexican Foods and Gabe Gutierrez of Donut Villa

Here is an iconic photo from 1919 when Julius Danto came over from Russia. He and others had just survived World War I emigrating from Russia. The photo is from a meeting in Detroit with Julius Danto in the center. The sign is written in something slightly different than standard Yiddish, possibly an Americanized version of the saying: "The world is round and wide, and it is great when I get to see you."

From left: Ashley Danto; Irwin Danto and Charles Danto

From left: Jesse Gutierrez, representing Wayne County Commissioner Ilona Varga, Detroit Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison and Irwin Danto

From left: Gabe Gutierrez, Donut Villa who served as MC for the program, Ahmad Hasan of Nice Price, Ashley Danto and Greg Mangan representing the Southwest Detroit Business Association

Danto employees, from left, Jerry Olmeda, Norman Muscat, Rita Cazares, Rick Vasquez, and Tony Mendez

Ashley Danto (L) speaks to media, during the re-opening celebration

From left: Florence Havis, Ruthie and Charles Danto

Matrix Theatre Presents Swimming While Drowning

A coming-of-age story which explores the resilience of young gay and trans teens

Matrix Theatre Company opens its 2022-2023 Mainstage Season with, Swimming While Drowning by local playwright Emilio Rodriguez, opening December 2 and running through December 17. The production runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8PM and Sundays at 3PM. All performances are presented at Matrix Theatre Company, located at 2730 Bagley Avenue in the heart of Mexicantown. Tickets are $22 for adults and $17 for students, seniors, veterans, and active military personnel, and may be purchased in advance or, if available, at the door. Group rates are also available. For further information or to purchase tickets, visit www.matrixtheatre.org or call (313) 967-0999, x6.

When teenager Angelo Mendez decides to leave his home out of fear of further disappointing

his homophobic father, he encounters a world he was not prepared for at an LGBT homeless shelter in Los Angeles. There he meets a fellow homeless teen who gives him a voice and unexpectedly introduces him to love. Angelo is chasing dreams, while Mila is chasing survival. Angelo ultimately learns that all relationships, no matter how powerful, have an unfortunate time cap which he must cope with through his writing. A dark romantic comedy set in a homeless shelter. Emilio Rodriguez's coming-of-age story fearlessly explores the resilience of young gay and trans teens. A story that is simultaneously gritty, sweet, funny, heartbreaking and real.

Written by Emilio Rodriguez, the play features Cameron Graham as Mila and Alexander Hernandez as Angelo. "After three years off during the pandemic, we are thrilled to be opening our Mainstage theatre again to the public. We hope to see all of our friends and patrons in the theatre once again," said Matrix executive director Kate Brennan.

The final dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 1 is a "Pay What You Can" performance. To help eliminate the barrier between audiences and live theatre, patrons can choose to pay whatever amount they want at the door to see the preview show of Swimming While Drowning. Tickets will be available at the door that evening and can be purchased in advance by calling the box office at 313-967-0999. Doors open at 7:30PM for the 8PM performance.

About Matrix Theatre Company

In its 31st season as a non-profit, community-based theatre, Matrix Theatre Company is located in southwest Detroit and uses the transformative power of theatre to change lives, build community, and

foster social justice. Go to matrixtheatre.org for further information. Matrix Theatre Company's Mainstage Season is funded in part by Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, The Kresge Foundation, and The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Foundation.

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MATRIX THEATRE COMPANY

Latino Election Results in Michigan

By: Steve Walker

After the dust settled on November 8th, Latinos in Lansing ended back where they started.

There were five Latinos serving in Lansing going into the 2022 elections, and there will be five Latinos serving in the new state legislature starting this January.

The one big difference is they will mostly be serving in the State Senate with one exception.

The once exception is newly elected State Representative Veronica Pais of Harper Woods. Unfortunately, she will be replacing Alex Garza of Taylor in the State House of Representatives who very narrowly lost his bid for a third term in a radically redrawn state house district downriver.

In the State Senate, Panamanian Erika Geiss of Taylor and Sylvia Santana of the Warrendale section of Detroit will be returning. They will be joined by Mexican-Americans Mary Cavanagh of Redford Township and Darrin Camalleri of Trenton. Because State Ballot Proposal 1 passed, they will all get to serve two more terms in the State Senate (up to eight more years).

Veronica Pais can serve up to six terms (12 years) in the State House.

It also turns out that two Latinos ran outstate as Democrats in Republican districts. Predictably, they lost. They included Justin Mendoza in the 42nd District (mostly rural Kalamazoo County) and Chris Lopez in the 108th District (in the eastern Upper Peninsula).

Steve Walker has been active in politics since 1962. He is a retired Political Science professor from Wayne County Community College, a member of the state Democratic Hispanic Latino Caucus and a long-time treasurer of the Wayne County Spanish Speaking Democrats and contributing writer for EL CENTRAL.

Michiganders encouraged to explore paid training career opportunities during Michigan Apprenticeship Week

Michigan ranks fifth nationally in active apprentices, created 10,000 new registered apprenticeship opportunities since 2019

LANSING, Mich. — To highlight the important role registered apprenticeships play in supporting both employers who need skilled talent and Michigan's workers who gain skills toward rewarding, high-wage and in-demand careers, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared November 14-20 as Michigan Apprenticeship Week.

As part of this week, Michigan career seekers are encouraged to consider earning while learning through a paid registered apprenticeship program.

"Registered apprenticeship puts Michiganders first by creating life-changing opportunities for our state's workers and support for Michigan businesses," said Susan Corbin, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) Director. "We are committed to helping people secure high-paying jobs while helping employers develop and retain the highly-skilled talent they need to grow and prosper – and registered apprenticeship allows us to do exactly that."

Registered apprenticeships are industry-driven, high-quality career training programs in which employers develop and prepare Michigan's future workforce. Apprentices gain paid work experience, related classroom instruction and a national industry-recognized credential upon program completion.

According to the most recent statistics available through the U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Management Data System, Michigan ranks fifth nationally in active apprentices (18,026), eighth in active programs (1,102) and seventh in new apprentices (6,251).

"Registered apprenticeship plays a vital and increasingly prominent role in developing and preparing Michigan's future workforce," said Stephanie Beckhorn, Director of LEO's Office of Employment and Training. "The opportunities created through Registered Apprenticeship are expanding across both traditional and nontraditional industries into more than 1,200 occupations, including careers in agriculture, construction, energy, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, mobility and many others."

Since 2019, LEO has awarded more than $50 million in State Apprenticeship Expansion funding to organizations throughout Michigan to help support the creation of over 700 high quality pre-apprenticeship and 10,000 new registered apprenticeship opportunities.

Employers and labor organizations offer registered apprenticeship opportunities and training to support Michigan's workforce, ensuring the state's economy continues to grow and thrive.

"While college may be the answer for many people, it's not the only pathway to a good paying job in a high-demand field," said Geno Alessandrini, Sr., Michigan Laborers District Council Business Manager. "Apprenticeship Week helps highlight skilled trades apprenticeship programs across the state and opportunities to showcase how we are building pipelines to high-paying careers with great benefits for underserved communities across the state. Michigan Laborers' apprenticeship program provides world-class training to a diverse group of apprentices through state-of-the-art technology and advanced curriculum. Apprentices receive tuition-free, earn-while-you learn training and acquire the necessary skills to excel in the construction industry throughout their career."

Registered apprenticeship program completion also results in a national, industry-recognized credential upon completion, supporting Governor Whitmer's Sixty by 30 initiative to increase the number of working-age adults in the state with a skill certificate or college degree to 60% by the year 2030.

Employers and career seekers interested in starting registered apprenticeships should visit Michigan.gov/Apprenticeship.

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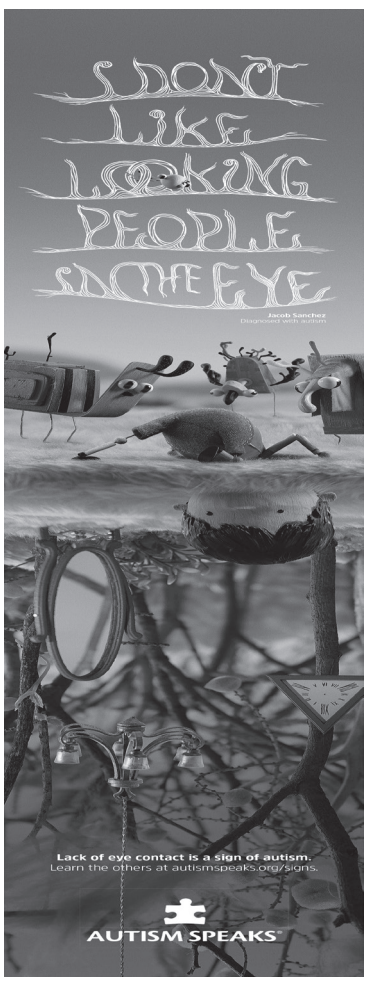
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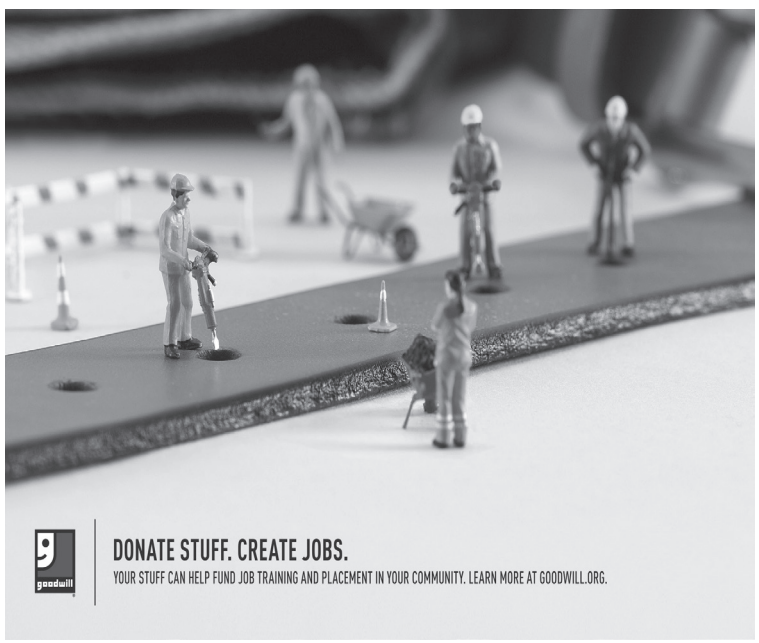
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Travel notes

Chronicle of a trip to Greece

We left Cancun in the afternoon with the aim of arriving in Frankfurt at noon. Many times when I tell some friends about the discomfort I experience in the immigration services when entering certain countries, I look at their eyes and they seem not to understand, I explain to them that it is like the Disney movie: Coco, where the agents are preventing

the dead from go down to earth to visit their families, unless they show a card or some kind of express invitation in the constant memories of the family towards them, photographs, offerings, altars. This seems to be the most precise example that happens to me in interrogations, where I must exhaustively show my innocuous intentions, as well as prove my innocence before what is accused of me. I was going with Jesse and he had never experienced this, he did not imagine the hostility that is experienced when crossing certain borders, as an American he had only visited Latin America, and the kindness that distinguishes us is well recognized.

Jesse was born in New York at the end of the eighties, a childhood on skateboards and bicycle pedals, streets, trees and escapades in the surroundings. Joey, with a different ideology and culture than mine, has in common a type of childhood that has long gone with the turn of the century, he also enjoyed it on the street among gadgets and things collected from corners around there.

We arrived in Frankfurt around noon, the immigration agent kept him and his belongings for a second check, all under the argument. To the immigration agent Jesse seemed suspicious. Jesse couldn't refuse the review, but his gestures showed his displeasure.

We left the airport to get to know a bit of Frankfurt, the taxi left us on the banks of a river near some small square, we walked, we sat down to eat an ice cream, we went to a clothing store, we wandered around until the time to catch the next flight to Greece.

Just before midnight we arrived in Athens at an apartment 4 blocks from the Parthenon dedicated to the goddess Athens, name of the current Greek capital, where the home of the Hero Theseus was, the same hero who was the downfall of the Minotaur, defeated thanks to the help of Ariadne who knew the labyrinth helped him get out of Crete. Greece and the Parthenon, the oracle of Delphi, the temple of Dionysus. Greece and her places, her islands, her Corinth, her Crete, Ithaca of Odysseus / Ulysses, Oedipus of Thebes.

In the morning of the next day we went up towards the Acropolis. The masks found the faces of the tourists, making us victims of an even more extreme anonymity, only our hair, height and glasses distinguished us, there was nothing to talk about. The summer heat made the skin burn. Greece had opened its doors to tourism just a few weeks before our arrival and liberation irradiated everyday environments. We walked among the olive trees that surrounded the ruins. We saw the Parthenon and the Temple of Dionysus. Three days in Greece is nothing. We went to Pireas to see the Mediterranean coast, eat squid, smoke tobacco in Hookah water pipes, walk through narrow streets and ruins of old houses. Know the same thing that is here, but there. Houses, faces, streets and city.

The Greeks are certainly benevolent. At night we walked through an area of bars and alleys following a group of musicians who cheered us up with tambourines, wind instruments, percussion, guitars, accordions. The hubbub, the applause, the bodies that responded to the call. It is important to remember that in Athens music inside bars and restaurants was prohibited due to the pandemic, the prohibition of that jocular gesture accentuated the energy in the streets. Roberto, the shopkeeper at the newsstand, told me that he hadn't listened to live music for weeks, maybe a couple of months or more. Roberto, with his three languages,

paying for a master's degree in engineering, sold magazines in the alley.

Aegina Sunday. We arrived at the pier to buy the tickets to Aëgina, a small tourist island two hours away by boat. The wind with the sea breeze tangled my hair. An eighty-year-old lady invites us to go to her Greek inn, we go in and sit on her patio. The table has a cloth tablecloth that could very well be from my grandmother's house. The lady makes herself understood and we try to make her understand us. Her food is delicious, squid, cheese, vegetables, a parade of small plates that are accompanied by fresh bread. What is life for if not to enjoy the palate?

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Crónicas de viaje

Crónica de un viaje a Grecia

Salimos de Cancún por la tarde con el afán de llegar a Frankfurt a medio día. Muchas veces cuando cuento a algunos amigos la incomodidad que experimento en los servicios migratorios al ingresar a ciertos países, miro sus ojos y parecen no entender, yo les explico que es como la película de Disney: Coco, donde los agentes están impidiendo que los muertos bajen a la tierra a visitar a sus familias, a menos de que muestren un carnet o una especie de invitación expresa

en los recuerdos constantes de la familia hacia ellos, fotografías, ofrendas, altares. Éste parece ser el más preciso ejemplo que me pasa en los interrogatorios, donde de manera exhaustiva debo mostrar mis inocuas intenciones, así como probar mi inocencia ante lo que se me inculpe. Iba con Jesse y él nunca había vivido esto, no imaginaba la hostilidad que se vive al cruzar ciertas fronteras, como estadounidense sólo había visitado Latinoamérica, y bien se reconoce la gentileza que nos distingue.

Jesse nació en Nueva york a finales de la década de los ochenta, una infancia sobre patineta y pedales de bicicleta, calle, árboles y escapadas por los alrededores. Joey, de ideología y cultura diferente a la mía, tiene en común un tipo de infancia que en mucho se ha ido con el cambio de siglo, también la gozó en la calle entre aparatos y cosas recogidas de rincones de por ahí.

Llegamos a Frankfurt cerca de mediodía, el agente de migración lo retuvo para un segundo chequeo tanto a él, como a sus pertenencias, todo bajo el argumento. Para el agente de migración Jesse parecía sospechoso. Jesse no pudo negarse a la revisión, pero sus gestos mostraban su descontento.

Salimos del aeropuerto a conocer un poco de Frankfurt, el taxi nos dejó a la orilla de un río cerca de alguna plazoleta, caminamos, nos sentamos a comer un helado, fuimos a alguna tienda de ropa, vagamos por los alrededores hasta que se hizo la hora de tomar el siguiente vuelo rumbo a Grecia.

Justo antes de medianoche llegamos a Atenas a un departamento a 4 cuadras del Partenón dedicado a la diosa Atenas, nombre de la actual capital griega, donde fue la casa del Héroe Teseo, mismo héroe quien fue la perdición del Minotauro, vencido gracias a la ayuda de Ariadna quien conocía el laberinto le ayudó a salir de Creta. Grecia y el Partenón, el oráculo de Delfos, el templo de Dionisos. Grecia y sus lugares, sus islas, su Corinto, su Creta, Ítaca de Odiseo/Ulises, Edipo de Tebas.

Por la mañana del día siguiente subimos rumbo a la Acrópolis. Los cubrebocas hallaban los rostros de los turistas haciéndonos víctimas de un anonimato aún más extremo, sólo nos distinguía el cabello, la estatura y las gafas, no había nada de qué hablar. El calor veraniego hacía arder la piel. Grecia había abierto sus puertas al turismo apenas unas semanas antes de nuestra llegada y la liberación irradiaba los ambientes cotidianos. Anduvimos entre los olivos que rodeaban las ruinas. Vimos el Partenón y el templo de Dionisio. Tres días en Grecia no es nada. Fuimos a Pireas a ver la costa del mediterráneo, comer calamar, fumar tabaco en pipas de agua Hookah, andar por entre callejuelas y ruinas de casas viejas. Conocer lo mismo que

hay por aquí, pero allá. Casas, rostros, calles y ciudad.

Sin duda los griegos son benevolentes. Por la noche caminamos por una zona de bares y callejones siguiendo a un grupo de músicos que alegraban el rumbo con panderos, instrumentos de viento, percusiones, guitarras, acordeones. La algarabía, los aplausos, los cuerpos que respondían al llamado. Es importante recordar que en Atenas la música dentro de bares y restaurantes estaba prohibida por la pandemia, lo prohibido de aquel jocoso gesto acentuaba la energía en las calles. Roberto, el tendero del puesto de revistas me contó que hacía semanas, quizá un par de meses o más que no escuchaba música en vivo. Roberto con sus tres idiomas pagándose una maestría en ingenierías vendía revistas en el callejón.

Domingo de Aegina. Llegamos al embarcadero para comprar los boletos rumbo a Aëgina, una pequeña Isla turística a dos horas en barco. El viento con la brisa marina me enredaba el cabello. Una señora de unos ochenta años nos invita a pasar a su fonda griega, entramos y nos sentamos en su patio. La mesa tiene un mantel de tela que bien podría ser de la casa de mis abuelas. La señora se da a entender y nosotros intentamos que nos entienda. Su comida es deliciosa, calamares, quesos, verduras, un desfile de platillos pequeños que se acompañaban con pan recién hecho. ¿Para qué sirve la vida si no es para gozar del paladar?

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by Mariana Ayón RV

Voters of Color and Women

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That theme was picked up by Christine Chen, executive director of Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), who says the number of Asian American voters who eschew both parties is growing. APIAVote conducts an annual survey of Asian American and Pacific Islander voters.

"We noticed that there's an increasing number of independent voters among the Asian American electorate, 35% overall, and the Chinese actually had the largest percentage… at 47%. Even the Vietnamese, who support Republicans at a higher rate than any other Asian ethnic group, are losing party identification to independents," Chen said.

Driving many black women were concerns around safety, said Karma Cottman, who leads Ujima, which focuses on violence targeting women in the black community. "Safety for us as women, safety for us as members of the black community, overlaid with what safety looks like in terms of physical and financial safety so we are able to take care of our families."

Cottman pointed to down ballot elections, noting strong support for black female candidates. "We were voting up and down ballot for black women," she said.

Voter intimidation, meanwhile, did not prove to be a major issue this election, says Gowri Ramachandran, senior counsel of the Brennan Center's Democracy program. "We had law enforcement leaders in some communities coming out and saying, look, intimidation of voters and of election workers is not going to be tolerated," she said.

Exit polls showed Republicans gaining ground in support among African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans. While support for Democrats remained high among women and young voters, Cottman echoed those who say Democrats spent too much time trying to flip predominantly white districts instead of investing resources in communities of color.

While Democrats maintained control of the Senate following a narrow win this weekend by Nevada's Catherine Cortez Masto, control of the House remains in question, though Republicans have the advantage.

Common Cause National Redistricting Director Kathay Feng says extreme gerrymandering was a decisive factor in Republicans' strong showing in states like Ohio and Florida and will be key should they retake the House.

In red states where the state legislature controls redistricting and Republican governors approve the maps they draw, the fight for fair maps is a David vs Goliath proposition. But in North Carolina and Minnesota, courts forced district maps to be redone. And in New Mexico, Native Americans threatened to blockade the commission if it didn't redraw the Navajo districts. They did so.

Feng, who has been at the center of efforts to challenge partisan gerrymandering through litigation and state-based organizing around ballot initiatives and legislation, says citizens have been able to get maps drawn fairly where election commissions do the redistricting.

"Across the board we saw many improvements," she noted, pointing to states like California, Michigan and Colorado.

In Michigan, voters passed a measure in 2018 to create an independent Redistricting Commission. It has made a big difference there. State Representative Joe Tate is likely to become the first black speaker of the Michigan House. In Detroit and nearby suburbs, an African American is going to be representing this district for the first time in Washington. And in Michigan's 12th Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Rashida Tlaib, who is Palestinian American, will be representing her newly configured district.

In Colorado, the Citizens Redistricting Board meeting for the first time drew a Congressional district with a 40% Latino population. "And that district, the Congressional 8th, elected for the first time a Latina representative to be part of the Congressional Colorado delegation," Feng said.

"It's significant to note that in each of these states there has been tremendous participation by communities of color to come out and talk about where those communities are, to talk about the growth, and to make sure that the lines are truly reflective of those communities," she added.

Feng drew a sharp comparison with the growth of Latino populations in Texas and the black population in Florida. "Those communities were sliced and diced up so that the growth was not represented, or the historic representation was essentially dismantled. So, we see a significant difference between the states that have commissions of some form or another and those that do not," she said.

Feng likened redistricting to fixing democracy's clogged plumbing.

"You don't want to know what's in there. You don't want to look at it. And when it bursts, it's a mess. And that's why you've got to fix it before you have that disaster… and because so many communities participated in redistricting, this time round, we saw a lot of that plumbing get fixed."

Las mujeres y los votantes de color

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García-Rios dijo que el mensaje que dio el presidente Biden a cerca de salvar la democracia resonó entre los votantes de color preocupados por el aumento del extremismo. Pero también se envió un mensaje a los demócratas: "Estamos decepcionados por ambos partidos".

Ese tema fue retomado por Christine Chen, directora ejecutiva de Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), quien declaró que la cantidad de votantes asiático-estadounidenses que evitan a ambos partidos está creciendo. APIAVote realiza una encuesta anual de votantes asiático-americanos e isleños del Pacífico.

"Nos hemos dado cuenta de que hay un número cada vez mayor de votantes hacia los candidatos independientes entre el electorado asiático-estadounidense, un 35 % en general, los chinos tenían el mayor porcentaje… con un 47 %. Incluso los vietnamitas, que han apoyado a los republicanos en mayor medida que cualquier otro grupo étnico asiático, están perdiendo la identificación con el partido ante los candidatos independientes", dijo Chen.

La seguridad es una de las preocupaciones de las mujeres negras, dijo Karma Cottman, quien dirige Ujima, que se enfoca en la violencia contra las mujeres en la comunidad negra. "Seguridad para nosotras como mujeres, seguridad para nosotras como miembros de la comunidad negra, superpuesta a la seguridad física y financiera para que podamos cuidar de nuestras familias".

Cottman señaló las elecciones con un matiz negativo y notó la existencia de un fuerte apoyo a las candidatas negras. "Estábamos votando a favor y en contra de las mujeres negras", dijo.

Mientras tanto, la intimidación a los votantes no resultó ser un problema importante en esta elección, dijo Gowri Ramachandran, asesor principal del programa Democracia del Centro Brennan. "Tuvimos líderes encargados de hacer cumplir la ley en algunas comunidades, los cuales salieron a decir: no se tolerará la intimidación a los votantes y a los trabajadores electorales", dijo.

Las encuestas a boca en las urnas mostraban que los republicanos ganaban terreno con el apoyo de los afroamericanos, latinos y asiáticos americanos. Si bien el apoyo a los demócratas se mantuvo alto entre las mujeres y los votantes jóvenes, Cottman repitió lo que se decía sobre la gran cantidad de tiempo que dedicaron los demócratas en tratar de cambiar de bando a los distritos predominantemente blancos en lugar de invertir recursos en comunidades de color.

Si bien los demócratas mantuvieron el control del Senado luego de una estrecha victoria este fin de semana de Catherine Cortez Masto de Nevada, el control de la Cámara sigue en duda, aunque los republicanos tienen la ventaja.

La directora nacional de redistribución de distritos de Common Cause, Kathay Feng, declaró que la manipulación extrema fue un factor decisivo en la sólida actuación de los republicanos en estados como Ohio y Florida y será clave en caso de que retomen la Cámara.

En los estados rojos donde la legislatura estatal controla la redistribución de distritos y los gobernadores republicanos aprueban los mapas que dibujan, la lucha por mapas territoriales justos es una propuesta de David contra Goliat. Pero en Carolina del Norte y Minnesota, los tribunales obligaron a rehacer los mapas de los distritos. Y en Nuevo México, los nativos americanos amenazaron con bloquear la comisión si no rediseñaban los distritos navajos. Así lo hicieron.

Feng, quien ha estado en el centro de los esfuerzos para desafiar el gerrymandering partidista a través de litigios y organización estatales en torno a iniciativas electorales y legislaciones, dice que los ciudadanos han podido crear mapas de manera justa donde las comisiones electorales hacen la redistribución de los distritos.

"En general, vimos muchas mejoras", señaló, apuntando a estados como California, Michigan y Colorado.

En Michigan, en el 2018 los votantes aprobaron una medida para crear una Comisión de redistribución de distritos independiente, lo cual ha hecho una gran diferencia allí y es probable que el representante estatal Joe Tate se convierta en el primer orador negro de la Cámara de Representantes de Michigan. En Detroit y los suburbios cercanos, un afroamericano representará a este distrito por primera vez en Washington. Y en el Distrito Congresional 12 de Michigan, la titular demócrata Rashida Tlaib, que es palestina estadounidense, representará a su distrito recién configurado.

En Colorado, la reunión de la Junta de Redistribución de Distritos de Ciudadanos atrajo por primera vez un distrito del Congreso con un 40% de población latina. "Y ese distrito, el 8vo del Congreso, eligió por primera vez a una representante latina para ser parte de la delegación del Congreso de Colorado", dijo Feng.

"Es importante notar que en cada uno de estos estados ha habido una gran participación de las comunidades de color, saliendo y comunicando dónde se encuentran, y expresando el crecimiento que han tenido, asegurándose de que las líneas reflejen verdaderamente a sus comunidades", agregó.

Feng hizo una fuerte comparación con el crecimiento de las poblaciones latinas en Texas y la población negra en Florida. "Esas comunidades fueron rebanadas y cortadas en cubitos para que no se representara el crecimiento, o la representación histórica se desmantelara esencialmente. Entonces, vemos una diferencia significativa entre los estados que tienen comisiones de una forma u otra y los que no", dijo.

Feng comparó la redistribución de distritos con arreglar las tuberías obstruidas de la democracia.

"No quieres saber lo que hay ahí. No quieres mirarlo. Y cuando revienta, es un desastre. Y es por eso que tienes que arreglarlo antes de que ocurra ese desastre... y debido a que tantas comunidades participaron en la redistribución de distritos, esta vez, vimos que se arreglaron muchas de esas tuberías".

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Perfect Roast Turkey

Ingredients

- 1/4 pound (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 fresh turkey (10 to 12 pounds)
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large bunch fresh thyme
- 1 whole lemon, halved
- 1 Spanish onion, quartered
- 1 head garlic, halved crosswise

Directions

Ready In:
3 hours and 20 minutes

Step 1
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Step 2
Melt the butter in a small saucepan. Add the zest and juice of the lemon and 1 teaspoon of thyme leaves to the butter mixture. Set aside.

Step 3
Take the giblets out of the turkey and wash the turkey inside and out. Remove any excess fat and leftover pinfeathers and pat the outside dry. Place the turkey in a large roasting pan. Liberally salt and pepper the inside of the turkey cavity. Stuff the cavity with the bunch of thyme, halved lemon, quartered onion, and the garlic. Brush the outside of the turkey with the butter mixture and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Tie the legs together with string and tuck the wing tips under the body of the turkey.

Step 4
Roast the turkey about 2 1/2 hours, or until the juices run clear when you cut between the leg and the thigh. Remove the turkey to a cutting board and cover with aluminum foil; let rest for 20 minutes.

Step 5
Slice the turkey and serve.

Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients

- 4 cups dried macaroni
- 1 whole egg
- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk
- 2 heaping teaspoons dry mustard (more if desired)
- 1 pound sharp Cheddar, grated (not pre-grated cheese), plus more for baking
- Salt
- Seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Optional spices: cayenne pepper, paprika, thyme

Directions

Ready In:
40 minutes

Step 1
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Step 2
Cook the macaroni until still slightly firm. Drain and set aside.

Step 3
In a small bowl, beat the egg. In a large pot, melt the butter and sprinkle in the flour. Whisk together over medium-low heat. Cook for a couple of minutes, whisking constantly. Don't let it burn. Pour in the milk, add the mustard and whisk until smooth. Cook until very thick, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low.

Step 4
Take 1/4 cup of the sauce and slowly pour it into the beaten egg, whisking constantly to avoid cooking the eggs. Whisk together until smooth. Pour the egg into the sauce, whisking constantly. Stir until smooth. Add in the cheese and stir to melt. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt and the pepper. Add any additional spices if desired. Taste the sauce and add more salt and seasoned salt as needed! DO NOT UNDERSALT.

Step 5
Pour in the drained, cooked macaroni and stir to combine. Serve immediately (while it's still very creamy) or pour into a buttered baking dish, top with extra cheese and bake until bubbly and golden on top, 20 to 25 minutes.

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- 5 pounds Yukon gold or russet potatoes
- 1 1/2 sticks softened butter, plus more for baking
- 1 1/2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 cup cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Milk, if needed, for thinning

Directions

Ready In:
55 minutes

Step 1
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Step 2
Peel the potatoes and rinse them in cold water. Chop the potatoes in fourths. Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook until fork tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Step 3
Drain the potatoes, and then return them to the pan. With the burner on low heat, mash the potatoes with a potato masher; the more steam that's released while you mash, the better. Mash for about 5 minutes. Turn off the burner.

Step 4
Add the butter, cream cheese, half-and-half, and seasonings. Stir to combine, and if the mixture needs thinning, add milk. Check the seasonings, adding salt and pepper, to taste.

Step 5
Pour the mashed potatoes into a large casserole pan. Dot the surface with butter. Cover with foil and bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking for 10 more minutes. Serve immediately.

Cozy Fall Ham

Ingredients

For the ham:
- 1 (8-10-pound) spiral ham
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar

For the glaze:
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions

Ready In:
4 hours and 40 minutes

Step 1 -
Preheat the smoker to 250 degrees F.

Step 2 -
Place the ham, cut-side down, into a large sheet pan and place it in the preheated smoker.

Step 3 -
Cook the ham for 1 hour.

Step 4 -
Baste the ham using 1 cup of the apple cider vinegar after 1 hour of cooking and continue basting the ham with the vinegar every 30 minutes until the ham reaches an internal temperature of 135 degrees F, about 3 hours.

Step 5 -
In a small, high-heat-safe saucepan or cast-iron skillet, combine the brown sugar, the maple syrup, the remaining apple cider vinegar, the mustard, the Worcestershire sauce, and the cloves, whisking them together.

Step 6 -
Cook the glaze on the smoker, stirring frequently with a whisk, just until the glaze comes together, about 10-15 minutes.

Step 7 -
Brush the ham liberally with the glaze and cook until the ham reaches 140 degrees F, about 15 minutes.

Step 8 -
Transfer the ham from the smoker and tent it with foil, allowing it to rest until it comes up to 145 degrees F internally, about 30 minutes.

Step 9 -
Serve with any reserved drippings on the side.

ENTRETE

‘Monotonía, de Shakira y Ozuna, se convierte en el debut más grande en español de 2022

El lanzamiento la semana pasada del nuevo sencillo de Shakira, “Monotonía“, en colaboración con Ozuna, rompió varios récords, entre ellos el del ser el debut más grande en español en lo que va de año.

La esperada canción de la barranquillera tuvo más de 3 millones de reproducciones en las primeras 24 horas y debutó en el puesto 12 a nivel mundial en Spotify.

Mientras que el video, que codirigió con Jaume de Laiguana, tuvo más de 20 millones de visualizaciones en el primer día de estreno, siendo el número 1 en tendencias en Youtube, según recopiló la productora Sony en un comunicado.

Esto convierte a este nuevo tema, que lanzó tras su ruptura con el futbolista español Gerard Piqué, en el debut más grande en español de 2022, el debut femenino en solitario más grande en YouTube y el debut más grande de la carrera de Shakira.

“Monotonía” es, tras el tema “Te felicito” que sacó junto al puertorriqueño Rauw Alejandro, el segundo sencillo del nuevo proyecto de Shakira, que desde que sacó “El dorado” en 2017 no publica ningún álbum de estudio.

Es una canción de desamor, dedicada indirectamente al padre de sus dos hijos con quien estuvo 12 años, donde dice justamente lo que la colombiana ya había publicado en sus redes sociales: “No fue culpa tuya, ni tampoco culpa mía, fue culpa de la monotonía”.

En el clip, la colombiana aparece llorando en una tienda y, tras ser atacada con una bazuca, recoge su corazón por el piso y lo lleva en las manos por la calle.

Muere Jerry Lee Lewis, Leyenda del Rock And Roll

El músico Jerry Lee Lewis, pionero y entusiasta del rock and roll, murió a los 87 años de edad, confirmó su publicista a los medios de comunicación.

Aunque la causa del fallecimiento se desconoce, el músico sufría varios problemas de salud desde 2019 tras sufrir un derrame cerebral que le obligó a cancelar todos sus conciertos y apariciones públicas.

El pasado miércoles, la revista TMZ informó erróneamente de la muerte de Lewis, lo que hizo sonar las alarmas sobre su estado crítico.

Nacido en 1935 en Luisiana, Lewis comenzó con 9 años a tocar un piano que su padre, carpintero, adquirió tras hipotecar su casa. Inspirado por los músicos afroamericanos que actuaban en los bares de esa zona de Estados Unidos, el joven dio forma a su propio estilo con el que debutó en locales a muy temprana edad.

Justo cuando Elvis Presley comenzaba su carrera, Lewis viajó a Memphis para grabar sus primeras canciones, de las que se desprendieron éxitos como “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On”, “Great Balls of Fire” y “Breathless”, que imprimieron su nombre en la pujante industria musical de la época.

En 1956, durante una visita a los estudios Sun Records, Lewis grabó con Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash y Carl Perkins, sesión de la que salió el apodo “Million Dollar Quartet” (el cuarteto del millón de dólares).

Su fama a finales de la década de 1950 era tan grande que se embarcó en una gira internacional que lo llevó a Europa, aunque entonces comenzó a protagonizar varios escándalos como la vez que en 1958 prendió fuego a un piano al enterarse de que iba a ser telonero de Chuck Berry y no al revés.

Ese mismo año, su gira por el Reino Unido tuvo que detenerse abruptamente cuando la prensa publicó que había contraído matrimonio con su prima de 13 años Myra Gale Brown, quien además era hija de uno de sus bajistas.

El enlace recibió fuertes críticas que llevaron a la censura de las radios y las televisiones, además de cancelaciones de espectáculos. La película “Great Balls of Fire!”, protagonizada por Dennis Quaid y Winona Ryder, inmortalizó este periodo de su vida en 1989.

Pero su carrera no paró ahí.

En 1959 apareció en la película “High School Confidential”, para la que tocó su tema principal, y en 1964 recuperó el beneplácito de la crítica con el disco “Live at the Star Club”.

Su manera enérgica, libre y estridente de tocar el piano fue su gran seña de identidad, pero Lewis se interesó también por el góspel y el country en la década de 1970, cuando abandonó el rock and roll, un género que comenzaba a entrar en decadencia frente a la canción de autor y la música disco.

Durante esta época, la controversia y el escándalo continuaron presentes en la vida del músico, quien no ocultó su abuso de sustancias y, entre sus episodios insólitos, llegó a estampar su vehículo contra las puertas de Graceland, la mansión de Elvis Presley.

Contrajo matrimonio en siete ocasiones, pero la muerte de dos de sus esposas -Jaren Gunn Lewis, ahogada en una piscina en 1982, y Shawn Michelle Stephens Lewis, por una sobredosis en 1984- recibieron un intenso escrutinio mediático y terminaron por lapidar su reputación.

Recibió un premio honorífico en los Grammy de 2005 y forma parte del Salón de la Fama del Rock and Roll

ENTRETENIMIENTO

Gisele Bündchen y Tom Brady se Divorcian tras 13 Años de Matrimonio

La supermodelo brasileña Gisele Bündchen y la estrella de la NFL Tom Brady anunciaron este viernes, 28 de octubre de 2022, que se divorciaron.

Considerada como una de las parejas más poderosas y ricas del mundo del espectáculo en Estados Unidos de América (EUA), este divorcio cierra varios meses de rumores sobre ellos.

"Recientemente, mi esposa y yo hemos finalizado nuestro divorcio después de 13 años de matrimonio", explicó Brady, de 45 años, en un comunicado publicado en Instagram.

"Llegamos a esta decisión de forma amigable y con gratitud por el tiempo que pasamos juntos. Fuimos bendecidos con hijos hermosos y maravillosos (Benjamin y Vivian) que continuarán siendo el centro de nuestro mundo en todos los sentidos. Continuaremos trabajando juntos como padres para asegurarnos siempre de que reciben el amor y la atención que merecen", añadió el quarterback de los Tampa Bay Buccaneers

También Bündchen, de 42 años, acudió a las redes sociales para explicar su ruptura con Brady y señaló que sus dos hijos seguirán siendo su "prioridad".

"La decisión de terminar un matrimonio nunca es fácil, pero nos hemos ido separando y aunque, por supuesto, es difícil pasar por algo así, me siento bendecida por el tiempo que tuvimos juntos y solo le deseo lo mejor siempre para Tom", escribió.

Considerado como el mejor pasador de la historia de la NFL y como una de las grandes leyendas del deporte estadounidense, Brady, ganador de siete Super Bowl, anunció el pasado febrero que se iba a retirar, pero semanas después dio marcha atrás de forma sorprendente y esta temporada sigue compitiendo con los Buccaneers, que han empezado con mal pie el nuevo curso (3-5 tras ocho partidos).

Esta retirada en falso de Brady ha sido citada en numerosas ocasiones como una de las causas de su crisis con Bündchen.

Iñárritu recibe el premio Akira Kurosawa del Festival de Tokio por su carrera

El realizador Alejandro González Iñárritu fue galardonado este viernes con el premio Akira Kurosawa del Festival Internacional de Cine de Tokio (TIFF), en reconocimiento a sus "extraordinarias contribuciones al cine mundial" y del que se espera que "defina el futuro de la industria cinematográfica".

El mexicano fue seleccionado junto al director nipón Koji Fukada ("Harmonium", 2016) para recibir el premio Akira Kurosawa, que el TIFF revive después de 14 años y que en el pasado fue galardonado a cineastas como Steven Spielberg o Yoji Yamada.

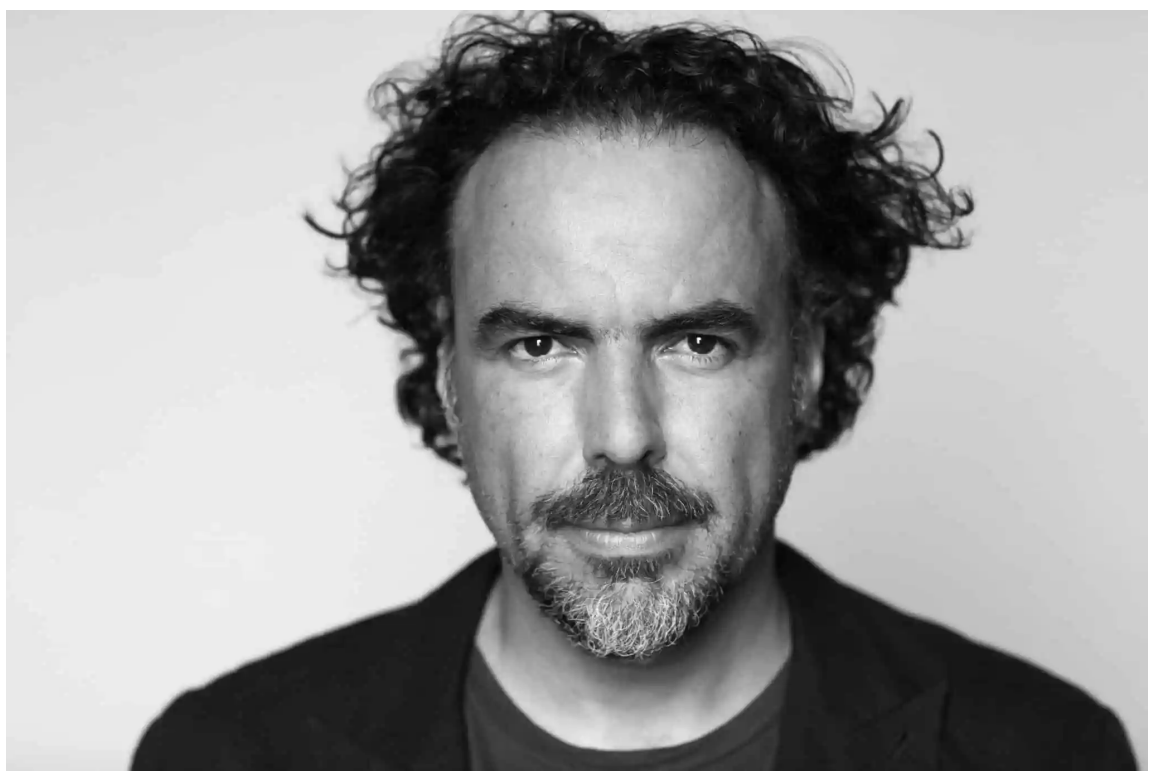
El comité de selección del festival decidió otorgar el premio a Iñárritu en reconocimiento a su debut en el cine, "Amores Perros" (2000), "que atrajo la atención mundial al cine mexicano y ha seguido desafiándose vigorosamente a sí mismo para probar algo nuevo con cada película", según señaló hoy el TIFF en un comunicado.

Fuera de la competición oficial del festival, que celebra su edición número 35 en la capital japonesa del 24 de octubre al 2 de noviembre, se proyectará "Bardo, Falsa Crónica de unas Cuantas Verdades" (2022), el ultimo filme de Iñárritu.

Ganador de cuatro Óscar, el realizador de aclamadas películas como "Amores perros" (2000), "Birdman" (2014) o "El renacido" (2015), muestra en "Bardo" su lado más personal hasta ahora, en un filme que supone una reconstrucción emocional de la vida del realizador revivida desde un alter ego, Silverio Gama.

Con respecto a Fukada, el comité del premio destacó su labor como "uno de los directores japoneses más reconocidos en el panorama internacional", después de que su película "Harmonium" se estrenara en la 69 edición del Festival de Cannes, en la sección "Un certain regard", donde ganó el premio del jurado.

El nipón también ha destinado sus esfuerzos recientemente a evitar el cierre de cines de arte y ensayo en Japón, muchos de ellos en crisis desde la llegada de la pandemia de la covid-19 y el TIFF considera que "le espera un futuro prometedor".



En la sección oficial del TIFF participarán las películas españolas "Mantícora" y "As Bestas", de los madrileños Carlos Vermut y Rodrigo Sorogoyen respectivamente, así como la chilena "1976", que supone el debut en dirección de la hasta ahora intérprete Manuela Martinelli.

La ceremonia de entrega del premio Akira Kurosawa se llevará a cabo el sábado 29 de octubre en el Hotel Imperial de Tokio, aunque por el momento, la organización no ha querido revelar qué actores o directores se desplazarán hasta la capital nipona para dar apoyo a sus filmes o recibir galardones.

Pro Boxing at Berts Warehouse !!!

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This past Friday, promoter Vic Green, put on his first pro-boxing show, in Michigan, at Berts Warehouse. Mr. Green is a veteran promoter, who has been promoting boxing shows in Ohio for quite some time. A packed, Berts Warehouse, crowd enjoyed 4 pro bouts that evening.

Photos below are highlights and results from the event

All boxing photos by Bob Ryder (fightnews.com)

During the main event, Cameran Pankey (from Pontiac, MI, 6-0, 4 KOs) defeated DeShawn Kennedy (2-8, 2 KOs) by KO 1st round (1:48). Seen in the photo with Pankey is promoter Vic Green (far right)

Davontae Kirk (from Clinton Township, MI, 4-0, 3 KOs) defeated Jeremy Balboa (0-1) by unanimous decision

Ramsey Beard (1-0-1) and Jason Chavez (0-0-1), had a majority draw

Marcus Maulding (3-4, 3 KOs) defeated Victor Jones (0-2) by KO, in the 1st round (0:43 seconds)

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All Eyes On Qatar

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The squads have been announced. Most teams have traveled to the Middle East. The stadiums are supposed to be ready. For the next month, the world's focus will be on eight stadiums in the smallest country to ever host the World Cup. Leaving aside the controversies surrounding this tournament and concentrating only on the football, this World Cup will be the international swan song for several huge stars and will certainly see the emergence of new ones. Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar, Robert Lewandowski, and Kevin DeBruyne will almost certainly be playing their last World Cups. Like every World Cup, there will be a changing of the guard. Kylian Mbappe, already a champion, Erland Haaland, whose country didn't qualify, and Pedri of Spain look well placed to carry the torch for a new generation of stars.

Closer to home, Gregg Berhalter announced the United States roster in an elaborate presentation broadcast on ESPN2 last week. He made the shocking decision to drop goalkeeper Zach Steffen from the roster entirely. After holding the #1 job for most of the last three years as Berhalter's guy, the coach finally decided that he couldn't risk an error prone goalkeeper in the rarefied air of the World Cup. Steffen's biggest blunder came in a cup semifinal for Manchester City when he dawdled on the ball and was robbed for a goal. Berhalter had him in the squad to play out of the back, because of his confidence with the ball at his feet. However, that confidence didn't translate sufficiently into competence. Ultimately, the coach had to pick the goalkeeper who keeps the ball out of the net better. That man is Matt Turner. The Arsenal understudy becomes the de facto starter with Ethan Horvath waiting for an emergency and Sean Johnson acting as the glue keeping the team together.

The only surprise in defense was Nashville's Shaq Moore being selected ahead of Boavista's Reggie Cannon. Moore is a bit better crossing the ball and Cannon has spent most of the year as a right center back in a back three. The only other big surprise came at forward where Haji Wright of Antalyaspor in Turkey somehow leaped ahead of Ricardo Pepi. Wright has been superb for his club for over a year and is second in the Turkish league in goals. Pepi went over a year without scoring for club and country before landing at FC Groningen in the Dutch league. He has five goals since joining the relegation threatened side, but that uptick wasn't enough for Berhalter to select him.

One of the biggest battles fought between the United States and Mexico is over the allegiance of dual national players, many of whom were born in the USA and grew up here playing for local clubs and eventually MLS teams. Pepi was one of several the two countries tried to recruit during the most recent cycle. None of them were picked for this World Cup. Goalkeeper David Ochoa, now with DC United, Jonathan Gonzalez, who spent several years with Monterrey, and Julian Araujo of the LA Galaxy all chose Mexico, but Mexico didn't choose them. None came close to Tata Martino's selection. Ochoa had represented the USA at Olympic qualifying for 2020, making a crucial error in the decisive loss to Honduras. It was thus ironic that Pepi also missed out having chosen the United States.

Mexico, like a number of other teams, has injury concerns. Martino selected Raul Jiminez even though the Wolves striker is well short of match fitness. Rogelio Funes Mori may have to lead the line and be heavily reliant on Chucky Lozano with Tecatito Corona also absent through injury. It's going to be a tough battle for Mexico against Poland, Argentina, and Saudi Arabia. Their fans want to have the fifth game that they have been dreaming about, but just getting to the fourth game will be a good achievement, given this draw.

The USA is hoping to get to a fourth game, too. Wales, England, and Iran will be tough. The Welsh have a physically strong team and the potential for Gareth Bale to pull out a piece of magic. Where the USA could get at Robert Page's team is in central midfield. Joe Allen, coming off a hamstring injury, and the always fragile Aaron Ramsey are not the most imposing pair. They can't cover ground like Tyler Adams, Weston McKennie, and Yunus Musah. The big question for the USA is who will finish the chances they create? The logic points to Josh Sargent starting up front. He has nine goals for Norwich in the Championship this season. Christian Pulisic will certainly be there, eager to throw off the Chelsea shackles and show his worth. The other spot will go to the electric Tim Weah or the crafty Gio Reyna. Berhalter hasn't had this many of his young attackers together at any point over the last three years, so he has some unprecedented flexibility in his selection.

Where the USA may struggle is in the center of defense. Losing Miles Robinson to a torn Achilles was a blow. Not being able to select Chris Richards due to a string of injuries cut into the depth of the squad. Berhalter elected to bring in Tim Ream, thirty-five years old, who is having a great start to the season at Fulham. His composure and ability to read the game make him an asset to the squad. He has played alongside left back Antonee Robinson for several season and can guide the younger players. He lacks pace, but is a smooth passer. He is also familiar with all the English and Welsh players from years in English football. Aaron Long will probably start next to Walker Zimmerman, but Ream will be there as an extra coach, ready to step in at a moment's notice.

The hosts will open the tournament on Sunday against Ecuador. The USA gets right into the action on day 2 against Wales. France starts their title defense and Brazil and Argentina their challenges during the week. This will be a unique tournament, falling in the middle of the crowded European season, in a strange environment with more political overtones than usual. Some teams will be making statements. Qatar will be under scrutiny like never before. Ideally, the football will be more memorable than anything else.

Cowboys Defeat Golden Grizzlies 91 - 62 !!!

Last Sunday, the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies (1-3) hosted the Oklahoma State Cowboys (3-1), at Athletics Center O'rena. The Golden Grizzlies defeated the Cowboys 56-55 during the 2021-2022 season. The Oklahoma State Cowboys were looking for payback, and to defeat the Golden Grizzlies on their home court. Before the game, Detroit Pistons #1 draft choice G #2 Cade Cunningham, stopped by and gave his alma matter a pep talk. Cunningham's pep talk must have inspired the Cowboys and gave them the edge to take down the Golden Grizzlies. The Oakland Golden Grizzlies will host, superstar Emoni Bates and the Eastern Michigan Eagles, at Athletics Center O'rena, Saturday, November 19th at 3:00 pm. Photos provided by Dan Graschuck/ EL CENTRAL.

Photos below are highlights from the Golden Grizzlies and Cowboys game

Golden Grizzlies head coach (C) Greg Kampe, Golden Grizzlies sophmore F #4 Trey Townsend (L) scored 12 points and 6 total rebounds during the game, and Golden Grizzlies graduate F #1 Keaton Hervey (R) scored 15 points and 11 total rebounds during the game, talk to media after the game. Townsend and Hervey were the top players for the Golden Grizzlies of the game

Golden Grizzlies honoring Veterans Day during pre-game ceremony

Golden Grizzlies sophmore F #4 Trey Townsend scoring against the Cowboys

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EDITORIAL OPINION

"Soviet Mexico is Coming"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

Next door Mexico is teetering on the edge of returning to what many observers called the most oppressive government - a Soviet-style one party dictatorship -- outside the then Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) .

The fall of the Soviet Union was inevitable when the Berlin Wall came down, the semi-dictatorship of Mexico's 72-year-long government by corruption of the electoral system was destined to fall to Vicente Fox and the modern conservative Partido Acción Nacional (PAN) in 2000.

I noticed that Vicente Fox from the opposition party PAN had run away with the election for governor of his Guanajuato state in 1995. He then went on to win the presidency in 2000, a win that buried the seven-decade political dictatorship of the Partido Institucional Revolucionario (PRI).

During that campaign, I was the only Hispanic talk show host on a major station in Southern California. I gleefully campaigned for Fox on my talk radio show by beginning and ending my show with Fox's campaign chant: "Corruption is the PRI -- the PRI is Corruption."

Election night in July of 2000 had me glued to a Tijuana TV station owned and managed by stalwart PRI peso billionaire who pumped millions into the PRI's campaign against Fox. Nonetheless, the reporters at the national electoral headquarters breathlessly announced Fox's lead every few minutes.

Then -- dramatically -- Mexican President Yale-educated Ernesto Zedillo came on television to congratulate Vicente Fox on winning the Presidency. It was over, the lifelong vote thieves of the PRI couldn't steal the election as they had done since 1930 by simply claiming the number of votes they needed to win the two house congress and the Presidency.

President Zedillo ended the dictatorship by congratulating Vicente Fox. Zedillo is a hero.

Zedillo's congratulatory announcement wasn't a figment of his imagination, it was based on the counting of votes by the ten year old national elections organization -- the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) -- that was independent of the government. It staged the national election and counted the votes. People trusted the organization. It has run elections since.

Despite Fox's ascendency to the Presidency, left-over PRI crooks were thriving in the bureaucracy, the judiciary and in certain Executive Offices in Mexico in particular in politically holding on to the government of the Federal District, now known officially as Ciudad Mexico, Mexico City; the Mayor: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO).

Fox tried to fire the neo-communist AMLO from his job but Lopez Obrador managed, with the help of crooked PRI-appointed judges and the ever-present uniquely Mexican injunction, the "amparo" to fend off Fox's efforts.

From the mayor's office in Mexico City, AMLO ran for president in the 2006 campaign running against fortysomething Felipe Calderon of the PAN party, a former Fox cabinet appointee.

AMLO and Calderon were practically tied at the end of vote counting. AMLO charged corruption of the vote and made hundreds of allegations of vote stealing and false vote reporting. And like his contemporary, Donald J. Trump, he claimed to have won because he led in national vote counting from the closing of voting precincts until towards the end. That change in the lead was, like Trump claimed, absolute proof the election was stolen.

How, AMLO and Trump asked, could they have lost when they led in vote tabulation from the beginning. In Trump's case it was late counting of late receiving mail ballots. In AMLO's case it was the vote count report from a nation that is huge and its millions of people are scattered throughout a very large country. Distance is the culprit. The same is true in the U.S., in California, for example. One California congressional district is 450 miles long.

So, here we are in 2022. In a few weeks, President Lopez Obrador will have his party members in Congress shut down the national electoral institute, the very organization that counted the 2018 votes and announced that Lopez Obrador won the presidency in his third try with over 50 percent of the vote among several candidates.

He also wants to do away with a hybrid proportional congressional representation based on the percentage of votes a political party receives. He wants to replace the independent electoral organization with directly elected party hacks with party loyalty being their guiding light. By cutting proportional representation, his party would dominate the new organization and dwarf partisan congressmen with his own party members who could easily reach the two-thirds margin in Congress to change the Constitution on a Presidential whim.

In other words, the political free-for-all in Mexico since the year 2000 will disappear and one man or woman will run the country like in the good old days of the corrupt PRI aka the most freedom-squashing political party that matched the Soviet Union for over 70 years.

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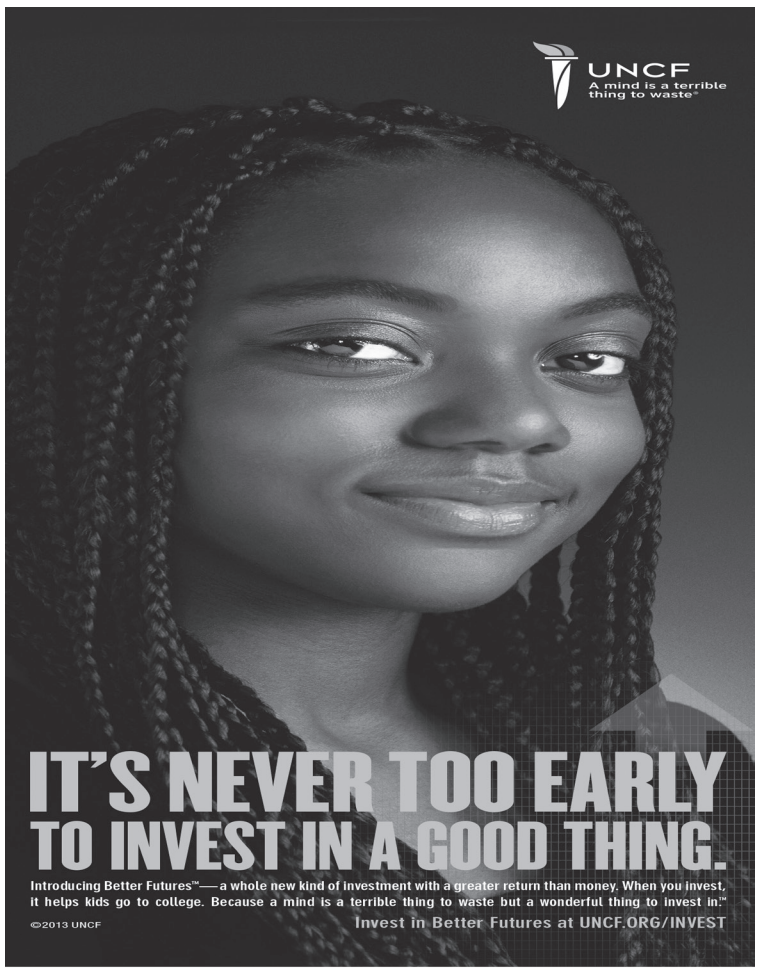
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Ensuring Good Nutrition and Better Health of Children and Caregivers

(StatePoint) There are 2.5 million children in the United States growing up in "grandfamilies," meaning they're being raised by relatives or close friends without their parents in the home, and they face higher rates of hunger and food insecurity, according to a new report.

The Generations United report, "Together at the Table: Supporting the Nutrition, Health and Well-Being of Grandfamilies," highlights the particular struggles of such households, which are often unprepared financially for the unexpected job of raising a child, and may encounter difficulty accessing food and nutrition programs designed to help.

In fact, 25% of grandparent-headed households experienced food insecurity between 2019 and 2020, which is more than twice the national rate. The long-term health implications of food insecurity -- including diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, obesity and eating disorders -- are dire. Additionally, food insecurity negatively affects a child's ability to learn and grow.

While families from all areas of the country face food insecurity, for the large number of grandfamilies living in the South and in rural areas, services are often more limited or challenging to access. What's more, grandfamilies are disproportionately Black, Latino and American Indian and Alaska Native, populations that already have disproportionate rates of food insecurity due to years of systemic racism.

Recently, the White House released a sweeping national strategy to reduce hunger. While advocates describe the plan as welcome and comprehensive on many levels, and say that it identifies the importance of improved outreach to grandfamilies, they also believe it must go further. According to Generations United, some key policy changes to reduce food insecurity for grandfamilies include:

• Developing quality kinship navigator programs that connect grandfamilies to support and services in their communities. These programs should provide food and nutrition support to grandfamilies outside the child welfare system.

• Expanding access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by making a "child-only" benefit that is based on the needs of the child as opposed to household income and by increasing outreach to grandfamilies.

• Ensuring automatic access to free and reduced school meals for children living in grandfamilies.

• Improving outreach of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to help reach more grandfamilies and connect them with benefits for which they are eligible.

• Creating joint meal programs for grandfamily caregivers and the children they raise.

"Research shows that being raised by family members or close friends is the best option for children who can't be raised by their parents," said Donna Butts, the executive director of Generations United. "But unfortunately, these families face hunger and food insecurity at much higher rates than the average family. The need for basic nutrition and adequate food is universal, and every family deserves to be healthy and thrive. The fact that many of our policies and programs to reduce hunger were not designed with grandfamilies in mind should not stand in the way of this right."

To read the full report and learn more about issues affecting grandfamilies, visit https://www.gu.org/.

Cómo pueden usted y su familia protegerse de enfermedades prevenibles

(StatePoint) Tanto en los Estados Unidos como a nivel mundial, las tasas de vacunación de niños y adultos han visto lo que los expertos en salud comunitaria llaman una "disminución preocupante" desde el inicio de la pandemia de COVID-19. Ahora es el momento de asegurarse de que usted y sus hijos estén al día en cuanto a todas las vacunas recomendadas con las que usted y su familia pueden protegerse mejor de enfermedades prevenibles.

"Las vacunas están entre los mayores avances médicos de la historia de la medicina. Gracias a las vacunas se han salvado millones de vidas y se han evitado efectos graves de diversas enfermedades. En este momento, en parte debido a que las personas no recibieron vacunas de rutina durante la pandemia de COVID-19 y en parte debido a la desinformación sobre las vacunas, nuestros números de vacunaciones han disminuido, lo que ha afectado a determinadas poblaciones que son más susceptibles a tener enfermedades prevenibles. Le invito a que consulte a su médico, programe esa evaluación preventiva y se asegure de que usted y sus hijos estén al día en cuanto a sus vacunas", dice Jack Resneck Jr., M.D., presidente de la American Medical Association (AMA).

Según el Dr. Resneck, éstos son tres pasos a seguir para volver a la normalidad:

1. Programe consultas de rutina con su médico y el de su hijo para recibir atención preventiva importante, que incluye los exámenes de salud recomendados y las vacunas basadas en la edad y el estado de salud. Los bebés y los niños pequeños son especialmente susceptibles a las enfermedades prevenibles mediante la vacunación, y, en este momento, decenas de miles de niños en los Estados Unidos no están al día en sus vacunaciones contra enfermedades extremadamente contagiosas, como el sarampión y la tos ferina.

2. También debe asegurarse de que usted y sus hijos estén al día con las vacunas de la COVID-19. Los expertos han advertido sobre un posible incremento este otoño e invierno. Con los nuevos refuerzos bivalentes específicos para Ómicron que están a disposición de las personas mayores de 12 años, el momento de obtener una protección adicional contra los efectos graves de la COVID-19 es ahora mismo. Adicionalmente, todos los niños de 6 meses en adelante son elegibles para la vacuna de la COVID-19, y los médicos recomiendan encarecidamente vacunarse lo antes posible. Puede recibir al mismo tiempo una vacuna contra la COVID-19 y una vacuna contra la gripe si es

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3. Debe comprender que incluso los países que alguna vez fueron declarados libres de poliomielitis o sarampión no están libres de riesgos, particularmente para quienes no están vacunados. Un adulto de Nueva York quedó recientemente parcialmente paralizado por la poliomielitis, y el virus se ha encontrado en muestras de aguas residuales del área, lo que llevó a la declaración de desastre en el estado a fin de ayudar a las localidades a responder al brote. Dado a que algunas áreas y poblaciones no están suficientemente vacunadas, aumenta el riesgo de contraer enfermedades que son prevenibles mediante la vacunación.

"Desafortunadamente, si no logramos que nuestras tasas de cobertura vacunal vuelvan a donde estaban antes de que comenzara la pandemia, corremos el riesgo de ver brotes de enfermedades prevenibles mediante la vacunación que pensamos que habíamos superado tiempo atrás", dice el Dr. Resneck. "Para que usted y su familia estén protegidos de brotes actuales y futuros, póngase al día con sus vacunas ahora mismo".

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